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## **A Day to Honor Public Safety Employees and Correctional Officers**

### **Tomorrow, Friday, May 11 at Blob's Park in Jessup**

TOWSON, MD (May 10)---Dozens of employees from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) will be honored tomorrow for their exemplary service at the annual appreciation luncheon and awards program. The event begins at 10 a.m. at Blob's Park, just off the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Maryland route 175 in Jessup.

This year's event will feature awards for meritorious service, including one to Officer Dontae Malone, whose bravery saved the life of a colleague at the House of Correction last year, and who received the highest award in the nation for a correctional officer's bravery (the Medal of Valor from the American Correctional Association). DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard and other top officials will present the awards. A crowd of more than 500 DPSCS employees from across the state is expected.

DPSCS includes the **Division of Correction**, responsible for 27 institutions; the **Division of Parole and Probation**, whose agents supervise more than 65,000 people in the community; the **Division of Pre-trial Detention and Services**, which every year handles more than 100,000 bookings in Baltimore; the **Emergency Number Systems Board**, which garners funding and technology improvements for all state 9-1-1 centers; the **Maryland Parole Commission**, handling more than 11,000 hearings annually; the **Police and Correctional Training Commissions**; the **Criminal Injuries Compensation Board**, which annually allots millions to help victims of violent crime recover some of their losses; the renowned **Patuxent Institution** treatment prison; the **Handgun Permit Review Board**; the **Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards**, which audits local detention centers; and other important agencies. In all, DPSCS has more than 11,500 employees.

**What:** Public Safety and Correctional Services Awards Luncheon  
**When:** Friday, May 11 beginning at 10 a.m.  
**Where:** Blob's Park, just off Md. 175 east of the B-W Pky. (Md. 295)

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